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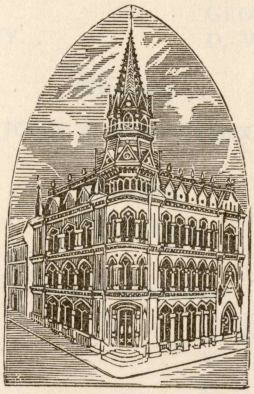

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Young Men's Christian Association.

27TH ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted on Tuesday Evening, November 26th, 1878.

We cannot commence to detail the work of the past year, without acknowledging, with a deep sense of gratitude to God, the wisdom and grace and strength which He has so liberally laid to the hands of His servants in the prosecution of this work. While endeavoring to persuade young men of the true liberty which is only to be found in Christ Jesus,—while trying to rescue the perishing and fallen,—while visiting the sick, and while communing together over His revealed Word in order to gain strength for the journey, the many rich blessings have all been ours, and the glory and the honor we ascribe to Him.

By no means the least of these blessings has been the delightful christian intercourse and fellowship which the members have enjoyed, for while representing different branches of the Church on earth, these distinctions have all been lost when gathered around the person of our Great Head and realizing our oneness in Him.

We desire to offer special thanksgiving for the removal of one great burden which for some years has weighed so heavily upon the workers and the work—the debt upon the Building of $18,000. The kind and generous offer of Mr. McLachlan at the last Annual Meeting was accepted, and before April the response from the young men had been so noble that, notwithstanding the "hard times," the $10,000 allotted to them was subscribed. The Merchants were not slow in appreciating the self-denying efforts of the members, and subscriptions were promised to Mr. McLachlan nearly covering the balance. These payments extend over a period of three years, and it is most gratifying to record

the promptness with which they have been met, although in many cases calling forth the greatest self-denial on the part of the donors. A special meeting was held in April, to which all were invited who had subscribed towards the removal of this debt, and those present will not readily forget the cheering testimonies given by many who confessed their indebtedness to the Association to an extent which in this life they would never be able to repay.

We look forward with joy and confidence to the speedy realization of our hopes—*a Building dedicated for christian work, for the young men of Montreal, free of debt.* Surely it is not too much to ask from the christians of this city, considering that there are 356 licensed and 118 unlicensed saloons and Billiard Rooms, besides Club Houses and other avenues to death, open day and night, where hundreds of our noblest young men are continually being sacrificed on the altar of sin and vice, and are lost to society, to the world, and to God.

REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES.

Devotional Meetings.

During the year 617 religious services have been held in the Building, with an estimated total attendance of 37,376. Fourteen regular Weekly Meetings have been held, besides Special Meetings, and considered altogether, they have been characterized by interest, pleasure, and profit to all concerned. Individual testimonies have been frequently given in acknowledgment of blessings, and we have the assurance that many young men have been directed into the narrow way which leadeth to life eternal.

The Daily Prayer Meeting has had a fluctuating attendance. During the Summer months the number is small, but in the Fall and Winter the average is greatly increased. Through this means of grace a change has been produced in the life of many a man, while disheartened and depressed by surrounding circumstances, and many of God's children have experienced it to be an oasis in

the desert, where they have "with joy drawn water from the wells of Salvation," and increased their courage and strength by obeying the command—"Wait on the Lord, be of good courage and he shall strengthen thine heart." The special Thanksgiving Service on Christmas morning when those added to the Church during the year confessed their allegiance to Christ will not soon be forgotten.

Young Men's Evangelistic Meeting.—This ever continues to be a joyful reunion of those engaged in the arduous work of the week. The attendance is from 60 to 100 every Saturday evening and the practical results leave no room to doubt as to the blessing which follows this service. At the close of a recent meeting a young student came forward to join the Association, and stated that at one of the meetings last year he had been awakened from a careless, sinful life, and was now rejoicing in the liberty to be found in Christ. A German young man who for some years had given himself over to scepticism and infidelity, through this meeting was aroused to the power of the Gospel, and is now a humble follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Instances might be continued did space permit.

Evangelistic Bible Class.—This is held every Sunday afternoon under the direction of the Secretary. The average attendance is 35. As soon as a young man becomes interested in the study of the scriptures, he is drafted into some Sabbath-School as teacher; no less than four teachers and one librarian have been taken from this class during the past year. Visitors to the city increase the attendance during the summer months.

Tuesday Evening Class for Bible Study is now under the leadership of Mr. W. L. Fraser, who accepted the position on the resignation of Mr. Alf. Sandham, he being called from the city to labor in connection with the Methodist Church. Some time previous to his departure the class presented him with a very handsome Bible. The attendance which numbers about 20 is chiefly composed of christian young men, and the study of the epistle to the Romans is full of interest. This class is conversational in its character.

Service of Song.—This has recently been started on Tuesday evenings from 9 to 10, and with much acceptance. The object

is to become more familiar with the singing of the Gospel Songs, and under the leadership of Mr. Coates is being accomplished. It is open to ladies as well as gentlemen.

The Gospel Temperance Meeting has been held every Sunday afternoon but with varying interest. At present it is being conducted with vigor and earnestness, and the attendance has largely increased. Short addresses are given by clergymen and others, and an opportunity is afforded to sign the pledge.

The Sunday Evening Evangelistic Meeting is always as largely attended as the Hall will permit. The attention given is good, and the seed of the word has been sown by loving hearts and willing hands. The addresses are short and pointed, and the meeting is closed promptly at 9.30. A Prayer Meeting is held at the close, and seldom without "enquirers." These are followed up, and introduced to the Churches, and in many cases we are permitted to see the results. Our prayer is that God may make us wise in winning souls.

The Boys Meeting, although attended by those young in years is none the less important, as it is much easier for the youthful heart to receive the Gospel truths than after evil association and habits have worked their hardening effect upon the life. Jesus says: "verily I say unto you except ye be converted and become as a little child ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."—Mat. 18-3. They meet every Friday evening, and the Chairman reports that although the average attendance has not been very large this year, they are encouraged in seeing a more active interest manifested, and have reason to believe that conversions have resulted. Some parents object to have their boys going out alone, but the workers will call at any address which parents will send to the Secretary. The Chairman selects a subject such as "Blood," "Peace," "Trust," &c., and they are requested to bring passages bearing upon it, and in this way they become instructed in the truths of God's Word. Invitation slips containing scripture texts, have been circulated by the workers amongst their companions. Special prayer is asked on behalf of this meeting. A branch has lately been commenced at 30 Fort Street on the same evening.

In connection with the "Week of Prayer for young men," sermons were preached from fifteen of the city pulpits, and the daily meetings were characterized with unusual earnestness.

The duty of hospitality is yearly laid upon the Association, in extending christian courtesies to visiting brethren from all parts of the world. Prominent amongst them was Major Malan of London, Eng., formerly a worker in the Association. He addressed the meetings on many occasions, and the word was always with power. Previous to his departure a very happy re-union was held in the Rooms, when as many as possible of the old members and workers were gathered together, and listened to an earnest farewell address from their esteemed Brother in the Lord. More recently, Dr. W. P. Mackay of Hull, Eng., most favorably known to many of our members as the author of "Grace and Truth." Although here but a short time his powerful addresses awakened a deep interest in many hearts.

In the department of Lectures the Committee have arranged for a weekly course extending throughout the winter months. These are free to members and their friends, and are contributed by men whose names are sufficient guarantee as to the character of the addresses. It is believed that this will supply a want in the programme of the Association which has long been felt and expressed.

The following statement will show the attendance at the various meetings :—

	No. HELD.	TOTAL ATTENDANCE.
Daily Prayer Meeting	312	7,260
Young Men's Meeting	52	3,732
Bible Classes—Tuesday	45	612
" " Sunday	52	1,980
Sunday Evening Gospel Meeting	52	21,000
Temperance Meeting	52	1,788
Boys Meeting	52	1,004

MISSION MEETINGS.

"Sown in the darkness, or sown in the light,
Sown in our weakness, or sown in our might,
Gathered in time or eternity
Sure, oh sure, will the harvest be."

Probably at no period in the history of the Association has the work of this Committee been so vigorously prosecuted as

during the past winter under the supervision of Mr. Hy. Sandham assisted by a faithful band of over fifty members. As the report shows earnest and faithful work has been done in the by-ways and outskirts of the city, where the Gospel message has been carried by willing hearts. The organization meeting held at the Chairman's house in November last, gave clear indication of the blessing which accompanied both the workers and the work. A monthly Plan is issued, giving the appointments for every member, and he is expected either to be present himself or in the person of a substitute. Conversions have been reported from several of the meetings, and in each locality they have been characterized with more or less religious interest. In March last a hall was secured on Chatham and services held every Sunday evening until May. Special interest was manifested, and if faithfully carried on, this will doubtless become a most important mission. The money expended in this work has been $65—contributed by the workers themselves. The benefit from this work as a means of training young men for useful active membership in the Church of Christ, should not be undervalued.

The following carefully tabulated statement contains the facts of this work. It will be seen that 405 meetings have been held with a total attendance of 7236. With one or two exceptions the services are only held for six months.

PLACE OF COTTAGE MEETING.	CHAIRMAN.	No. of Meeting.	Av. Attendance.	Total Attend'ce.
Hochelaga	W. L. Fraser	24	19	486
Mile End	H. Watson	24	23	561
Point St. Charles	D. A. Budge	28	24	678
10 Busby Lane	T. D. Gibson	22	10	235
17 Cadieux Street	G. W. Jones	18	10	185
72 Colborne Avenue	C. Caron	14	13	142
29 Papineau Square	P. Sinclair	24	11	281
506 Bonaventure St.	R. Henderson	20	14	286
104 Prince Street	W. Dagg	24	15	474
French Meeting (Barrick)		16	16	272
General Hospital		52	14	780
Fire Station No. 2	W. J. Orr	50	8	420
" " " 1	Chas. Allan	9	9	87
Temperance Coffee House	R. H. Buchanan.	24	12	289
Cross Mission		46	28	1,288
West End Hall	A. Kingman	10	60	672

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The depression in Trade has not been without its influence upon the finances of the Association, causing some of its supporters to withdraw their subscriptions and others to considerably reduce the amount which they usually gave, yet we gratefully recognise the liberality of many of the members of the Association and a number of the merchants of the city, who have most generously responded to the appeal made at the beginning of the year, to clear off the debt which has been permitted too long to cumber and embarrass the usefulness of the Association. In response to the appeal, the Young Men have subscribed $9,145.00, of which amount $2,768.31 has been paid to date, and in addition to this we have the amount collected or promised by Mr. John S. McLachlan, who, in the most generous manner, promised to raise $10,000 or half the amount requisite to place the Association free from debt. It will thus be seen that at a very early date we have good hope of seeing the Association clear of debt and able, with greater vigour than ever, to undertake and carry out work for the blessed Master. Through Mr. McLachlan's efforts, a sum of £200 sterling has been subscribed and paid towards the building debt in Great Britain, which sum we desire thankfully to acknowledge here.

A Note for $5,000 which has been kept floating for years we have been able to pay off this year, together with a sum of $500 towards a claim of Mr. Hutchison for $750.00, an amount long due and which should have been settled years ago. We regret to say an old account for the Christian Worker has turned up quite unexpectedly, which account however we hope to settle upon a satisfactory basis in a few days. Appended we give a list of those gentlemen who have so liberally responded to the appeal to wipe out the debt, and we shall have great pleasure in adding to the list any member's name who has not yet availed himself of this opportunity to do good.

At the earliest opportunity, a body of Sustaining Members should be raised who would agree to give annually say a sum of $5.00 and thus afford to the Finance Committee a regular and assured source of income, and when the debt is finally removed, upon this body could then easily rest the honor and work of sus-

taining the Association in financial strength—making the labors of the Finance Committee comparatively light and the duties of the Treasurer a positive pleasure.

AMOUNTS PROMISED TO BUILDING FUND.

April 1878, to be paid in 3 years.

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Hy Sandham	100 00	Joseph Richards	100 00	J. C. Locke	36 00
James Weston	100 00	Alex. Stewart	100 00	Thomas Masson	36 00
General Russell	101 50	Andrew Sherriff	100 00	W. F. Mount	36 00
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Robt. C. Adams	100 00	John Hare	5 00	C. E. Nurse	18 00
William Scott	100 00	G. F. Haultain	5 00	W. J. Gear	18 00
Robt. Acton	100 00	Chas. Lellemiere	5 00	W. King	18 00
S. Caldecott	100 00	Rev. John Kerr	5 00	David Currie	18 00
S. Carsley	100 00	Rev. James Roy	5 00	James Goodfellow	18 00
Robt. Crawford	100 00	W. E. Chambers	6 00	Robt. Nelson	18 00
A. McFee	100 00	Rowland Power	2 00	Geo. Boyland	18 00
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Job C. Thompson	100 00	Robt. McMeiken	1 00	Buell Avery	18 00
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Rev. C. Chiniquy	100 00	James Kell	1 00	Jordan Dowden	9 00
R. Henderson	100 00	C. W. King	1 00	Miss Warcap	9 00
Charles Allen	100 00	Mr. Patterson	3 00	Miss Harper	9 00
Major Malan	100 00	Cash	1 00	Geo. Moreman	9 00
J. C. King	100 00	R. E. Tait	1 00	John Boyd	9 00
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Rylands & Son	5	0	0
Williams, Beattie & Co	5	0	0
Jas. McLaren & Nephews	10	0	0
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	£	s.	d.
Rule & Greenlees	5	0	0
Sinclair & Mitchell	20	0	0
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Robt. Mackay & Co.	1	1	0
M. Whitehill & Co.	1	0	0
Jno. Paterson	1	1	0
Greenlees & Lambie.	1	1	0
Stewart, Moir & Muir	2	2	0
J. A. Napier & Co.	1	1	0
A Friend	1	1	0
L. Beeker	1	6	0

DISTRIBUTION OF RELIGIOUS READING.

This Department has been extensively carried on during the past year. Every Sabbath morning a band of the Members have visited all the ships in the Harbor, and distributed tracts in the different languages. They are always gladly welcomed by the men in the forecastle, and opportunities constantly afforded for religious conversation. At times they are permitted to read a portion of God's word, and the seed thus sown in faith will doubtless be gathered in the "bundle of life." One bright English lad, who had been converted while at our meetings during the summer, gave the most cheering evidence of his growth in grace, and of God's ability to sustain his children even amidst the temptations which beset a sailor's life. Another young man who had been converted at meetings conducted by Miss Macpherson's workers amongst the thieves in East London, gave evidence of the Spirit's power and seemed to be much blessed during his sojourn here. The services at the Sailor's Institute, under the supervision of Mr. John Ritchie have been more largely attended. These kind-hearted noble sailors need the sympathy and prayers of the christian people to a greater extent than they receive.

The work of this Committee amongst the Firemen has been faithfully carried on, over 5,500 books, papers and tracts, being distributed amongst them. Their reception by the whole Brigade is most cordial, and opportunities are taken to impress upon these men, whose lives are in such constant danger, the necessity of

eternal life in Christ. Two meetings have been held weekly in the stations, with a fair attendance. During the sickness and death of one of the "guardians," some of the workers constantly visited him, and this visitation is carried on whenever any of the men are laid aside through injury or sickness. Special prayer is asked for this work. Religious Magazines and papers are greatly needed, and contributions of such will be thankfully received.

House-to-house visitation has been commenced in some sections of the East End, especially in that locality known as the haunts of the "Black Horse Gang," and the workers are encouraged. They endeavor to take the children to Sabbath-School, and in this way, perhaps reach the parents.

READING ROOM AND LIBRARY.

The daily attendance of readers and visitors is even an increase on the previous year, which was over 90,000. Although it is free to all, we have not had that difficulty in dealing with the "Tramp nuisance," experienced by many Associations which is such a hindrance to their usefulness. In order to advertise our Association and its work more fully, large cards were printed, containing list of our meetings and a register of Church Services, which have been placed in the principal hotels and public places.

The list of papers and magazines on file in the Reading Room embrace the following :—

DAILIES.

Montreal Herald.
" Gazette.
" Witness.
" Star.
Toronto Globe.
Quebec Chronicle.
New York Witness.
" Tribune.
Chicago Tribune.
Ottawa Citizen.
" Free Press.
St. John (N. B.) Telegraph.

SECULAR WEEKLIES.

London Illustrated News.
" Graphic.
" Punch.
" Spectator.
" Mail.
Belfast Weekly News.
Edinburgh Scotsman.
Scottish American Journal.
European Mail.
Cape Breton Times.
Stratford Beacon.
Peterborough Examiner.
" Advertiser.
Cowansville Observer.

Scientific American.
Journal of Commerce.
Sherbrooke Gazette.
Harper's Weekly.
Canadian Illustrated News.
English Mechanic.
Manchester Guardian.
Liverpool Mercury.
Dublin Freeman.
Prescott Telegraph.
Bowmanville Observer.
Aylmer Times.
Waterloo Advertiser.
Carleton Sentinel.
British Canadian.
Strathroy Age.
Oshawa Vindicator.
Northern Messenger.

RELIGIOUS WEEKLIES.

London Christian.
" Word and Work.
" Alliance News.
" British Workman.
Boston Congregationalist.
Christian Union.
Cottage Hearth.
Halifax Wesleyan.
Sunday School Times.
Chicago Watchman.
" Advance.
" Appeal.
Canadian Spectator.
" Baptist.
Dominion Churchman.
Pacific Evangel.
Christian Guardian.
British Temperance Advocate.

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QUARTERLIES.

British Quarterly.
London "
Edinburgh Quarterly.

The Circulating Library has been used but little, only 730 volumes having been drawn from it during the year, and if we are to retain a class of our membership it should be replenished with the modern literature. The retiring Committee suggest that a monthly allowance be placed at the disposal of their successors for this purpose.

The Reference Library has been greatly used, but it also needs the addition of modern works of reference, which are constantly asked for.

In December last an auction sale was held of the papers and magazines received at the Rooms, the purchaser getting possession of the old number as soon as the new one was received. It being the first sale held by the Association, it was not understood by many, but the result was satisfactory. The Committee would recommend its being repeated.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

With the last report our membership was in a most unsatisfactory condition. During the year a careful and thorough revision has been made, and the list as it now stands shows the actual strength of the Association. The "subscribers" comprise those who contribute more than the annual fee, and are given separate from the ordinary members. We have received an addition of 90 new members. Thirty-one have left the city and eight have died.

Active Members,	275
Associate Members	213
Subscribers,	234
Life,	21
Honorary,	42
	785

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

The work of this Committee has been to have one or more of its members in attendance each evening in order to welcome strangers and show the members every attention, making the Rooms as attractive and social as possible. This is an important work, as the desire for fellowship and companionship is one of the strongest instincts of the human nature, and the first impression which a young man receives may be the turning point in his life. The attendance varies from 20 to 40 or 50, and opportunities are offered and accepted of speaking to young men about their soul's salvation. It is hoped in the future to establish a regular prayer meeting at 9.30, but this has not been carried out

continuously throughout the past year, on account of the difficulty of securing a chairman.

INVITATION COMMITEE.

This Committee meets every Saturday evening, and after prayer go forth two by two and visit the Hotels, Billiard Saloons, and some are stationed on the corners of leading thouroughfares to distribute invitations to the Young Men's Meeting. There has been a weekly average attendance of 9 workers, and over 40,000 invitations (on each of which there are scripture texts) have been distributed. Invitations have also been distributed on Sunday to the Bible Class and Temperance Meeting. The managers of the Windsor cheerfully consented to members of our Committee visiting their Hotel. The workers often meet with many insults and rebuffs while on this duty, but they are borne patiently. The Chairman adds that it is with very grateful hearts that they testify to the blessing received personally through this work. One evening an invitation was given to a young man which read 'Rest—Home—Joy.' It seemed to touch his heart, as he talked to the worker for a few minutes the tears flowed from his eyes. Young men are constantly brought in through this means and induced to sign the pledge, and the result cannot be chronicled here. At one meeting, in response to the Chairman's question as to the number who were present on account of receiving invitations, six young men arose and testified that they had otherwise no intention of being present. At a recent meeting a gentleman stated that he had prepared to leave for Toronto that evening, when he was handed one of these invitations in the Hotel. It so impressed him that he remained over Sunday and came to the meeting in order to see where such young men were educated.

VISITATION COMMITTEE.

This Committee visits members as well as other young men who may be sick. Fifteen cases (principally amongst the members) have claimed their attention, and these have been regularly visited. Words of comfort and cheer have been brought to them from Him of whom it is written " Himself took our infirmities and bear our sicknesses." Some have been restored to health and strength again, and others have been called hence.

While we refrain mentioning names, yet deem it to be our duty (having been officially connected with the Association) to record the death of our dear brother Horace G. Pearson, on September 29th, of typhoid fever, at the age of 24. Our late brother acted in the capacity of assistant secretary and librarian for a period of two years, and by his kindly manner and christian conversation, he won the regard and affection of the many young men with whom he came in contract. A most impressive funeral service was held in the Hall.

A member of this Committee regularly visits the General Hospital, and in the nature of the case it is scarcely possible to give details ; the patients come and go, and are visited faithfully and tenderly, the seed of the kingdom being sown, and sympathy extended as they are able to bear it. Two cases out of many might be named which have greatly encouraged the visitor's heart.

A young English Sailor left behind by his ship, gave no special indication that the Spirit of God had touched his heart, but when well and from distant parts he wrote two letters full of gratitude and thanksgiving to God that he had ever been taken to the Hospital, for there he had been born again and made a " new creature " in Christ Jesus.

The other case—a young English Canadian had his eyes nearly torn out while splitting wood. More than one letter has been received since his return written by his mother, to express her own, the lads, and the family's gratitude, for the relief and pleasure he received during the long weeks of enforced darkness, from the reading, conversation and prayer of the members of the Association. Although he will never again look upon God's handiwork in nature, still the eyes of his faith now see as never before the face of one whom he can call " My beloved and my friend."

" Hearts growing a weary
With heavier woe,
Now droop mid the darkness,
Go, comfort them, go !
Go bury thy sorrows,
Let others be blest,
Go give them the sunshine,
Tell Jesus the rest."

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary has endeavored to render such aid to the various Committees as the occasion required. Some have earnestly carried out their work almost independent of him, while others have allowed him to do it all. Much time was given in the first of the year to the prosecution of the Building Fund Scheme, the satisfactory result of which has been previously reported.

The objects of the Association are now so well known by strangers as well as those in the City that the time of the Secretary is almost completely occupied in dealing with the individual cases who daily seek counsel, information, employment, or some other description of aid. The continued and general depressson in business, which is experienced by no class to a greater extent than the young men, has greatly increased this general work. No less than 31 of our members have been compelled to leave the city for this reason, and hundreds are crowding here from other places in the hope of gaining some relief. It is sad to see men who for many years have occupied good positions offering their services for the merest pittance in order to gain food for their families. In one instance your Secretary found that a young man and his wife had actually gone without food for three days, and yet had not made known their circumstances. It is impossible to conceive what the suffering and want will be during the coming winter.

Employment.—230 young men who could furnish satisfactory references, have placed their names on our Register as applicants for situations, and for these 48 *permanent* and 54 *temporary* situations have been secured. The Association does not hold itself responsible in this work, although the greatest care is used in acquainting the employer with all facts in each case.

Correspondence.—This department has greatly increased during the year. From all parts of the world letters are received concerning young men, and also many concerning matters foreign to our work. Recently a letter was received from Joppa, Palestine, seeking information of a young man who arrived here two years ago. Enquiry was made and it was ascertained that his body was now lying in the Cemetery, it having been found at Boucherville

in May last. The result of the inquest showed that he must have been drowned the day after his arrival here, but the cause is still a mystery. Many interesting incidents might be given concerning the search for young men. Some found in the lowest dens of vice have been rescued, and in all cases the gospel is held forth as the only remedy by which poor fallen man can successfully conquer sin. The number of letters written by the Secretary have been 1,324, and 997 have been received. Over 1,200 letters have been written in the Rooms, material being furnished by the Association.

Boarding Houses.—A completely revised list of boarding houses has been prepared, and a new plan adopted compelling each party registering their names to deposit 50 cents,—to be returned when the vacancies were filled. In this way parties making application for board will not be sent to houses unless there is a vacancy. This Register is constantly used, and hundreds of young men who came as strangers to the City are furnished with suitable boarding houses.

A Pledge Book is kept by the Secretary and signatures are added to it daily. During the year 307 names have been added, and in every case these unfortunate men are directed from this outward attempt at moral reform to the need of salvation through Christ from the power and penalty of sin.

In coming in contact with young men at the various meetings, and with strangers who call at the Rooms, special care is taken to bring them into contact with the Pastor or same prominent members of the Church they attend, and in this way a double influence is brought to bear upon these young men.

Letters might be given, were there space for them in this Report, from mothers and fathers in Canada, the States and England, thanking the Association for their efforts on their Son's behalf. In some cases the labor appears to have been in vain; in others, the evidences are most hopeful, but whatever the result may be, the effort has been made in the name and for the sake of Him who came to seek and to save the fallen and lost ones, and we have the assurance that it shall not return void.

Temptations of the most deceitful and deadly nature abound on every side in this City. The very best of our young men, even those who have been most carefully reared in christian

families, are falling under their power. Those who have escaped from the "horrible pit and the miry clay" have to face the enticements of Satan's emissaries, who are waiting and longing to draw them back into the ways of sin and death. The young men who are working for the salvation of their fellow-men need the prayers and sympathies and support of the christian fathers and mothers in this City, and of all who desire to see the kingdom of God's dear Son enlarged. Pray that divine wisdom may be vouchsafed to them, and that the purifying principles of God's blessed Word may have full effect in their own lives, so that they will commend the Gospel of Christ wherever they go.

"Unto Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.—Amen."

STATISTICAL STATEMENT.

Number of Regular Religious Meetings held in Building	617	Total attendance	37,376
" " " " " outside Association Building	405	" "	7,286
" " " " " exclusively for Young Men	201	" "	7,328
" " Gospel Temperance Meetings	52	" "	1,788

Signatures to Temperance Pledge	307
Number of Illustrated Papers and Magazines distributed amongst Firemen	15,500
All ships in Harbor are visited every Sunday morning, and Papers and Tracts in various languages are distributed to the Sailors.	
Invitation Committee visit weekly the principal Hotels and Billiard Saloons, distributing Gospel Slips and Invitations	40,000
*Applications registered for Employment	230
Situations obtained—Permanent, 48; Temporary, 54	102
Letters on Association work received by Secretary	997
" " " written " "	1,324
Volumes taken out of Library	730
Letters written in Reading Room by Visitors—Paper and Envelopes furnished	1,200
Number of Members	785

The above is simply a statement of the ordinary work of the Association, not including special or extra services.

* Register those only who can furnish references.

The Montreal Young Men's Christian Association.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1878.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand 31st December, 1877		$493 75
Subscriptions and Donations	1,865 50	
Anniversary Collection	61 66	
Rent of Stores, &c.	2,025 15	
Rent of Hall	134 00	
Membership Fees	389 25	
Sale of Papers	27 55	
Benevolent Fund	26 30	
"Christian Worker"	22 50	
		4,551 91
		$5,045 66

PAYMENTS.

Salaries	$1,811 68	
Printing and Stationery	209 15	
Newspapers and Periodicals	30 10	
Books and Tracts	18 35	
Advertising	200 00	
Gas	247 17	
Coal	230 57	
Water	37 05	
Taxes	360 00	
Insurance	212 38	
Interest	1,097 94	
Travelling Expenses	96 36	
Furniture and Repairs	86 78	
Cleaning and Sundries	94 58	
Rent of Theatre—Special Services	100 00	
Anniversary Expenses	42 67	
Building Fund	23 75	
Postage and Carriage	73 59	
Benevolent Fund	51 32	
		$5,023 44
Balance Cash on hand		22 22
		$5,045 66

MONTREAL, 31st December, 1878.

Examined and found correct,
JAMES ROSS, } *Auditors.*
T. C. JONES. }

J. F. SCRIVER, *Treasurer.*

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO Y. M. C. A.

For Year ending October 31st, 1878.

Dougall & Son	$200 00
Geo. Hague	100 00
Bank of Toronto	50 00
A. Hodgson & Son	50 00
Molsons Bank	50 00
McLachlan Bros.& Co	30 00
Rankin, Beattie & Co.	30 00
Morton, Phillips & Bulmer	25 00
J. J. Murphy	25 00
Hugh McLennan	25 00
D. Morrice	25 00
James Jack & Co	25 00
Dun, Wiman & Co	25 00
Consolidated Bank	25 00
James Court	25 00
W. & D. Yuille	25 00
Jas. Johnston & Co	20 00
John Duncan	20 00
Crathern & Caverhill	20 00
R. B. Angus	20 00
A. A. Ayer & Co	20 00
W. O. Buchanan	15 00
Kenneth Campbell	15 00
Capt. R. C. Adams	10 00
Ames, Holden & Co.	10 00
Robert Anderson	10 00
Wm. Angus	10 00
P. H. Burton	10 00
Barry & Campbell	10 00
Geo. Bishop	10 00
D. Bentley	10 00
J. H. Botterell	10 00
J. Crawford	10 00
Cantlie, Ewan & Co	10 00
Cochrane, Cassels & Co	10 00
Cooper, Fairman & Co	10 00
H. S. Evans	10 00
S. H. & A. S. Ewing	10 00
S. Gnaedinger & Son	10 00
D. Greenshields	10 00
Heney & Lacroix	10 00
John Fair	10 00
Hua, Richardson & Co	10 00
J. Hodgson	10 00
R. C. Jamieson & Co	10 00
Warden King	10 00
John Kennedy	10 00
W. C. Munderloh	10 00
Robert Miller	10 00
E. V. Moseley	10 00
Mills & Hutchinson	10 00
John McLean & Co	10 00
McDougall, Logie & Co	10 00
D. McInnes & Co	10 00
W. McLaren & Co	10 00
Notman & Sandham	10 00
L. H. Packard & Co.	10 00
G. W. Reed	10 00
D. W. Ross	10 00
John F. Ross	10 00
Robertson, Linton & Co	10 00
Jos. Richards	10 00
Shaw Bros. & Cassils.	10 00
Robert Wilkes	10 00
Hugh Watson	10 00
Job C. Thompson	10 00
Robt. Crawford	10 00
Geo. Stephen	10 00
Hon. Judge Torrance	$10 00
H. Shorey	10 00
Dr. Bazin	5 00
Dr. Ault	5 00
H. Buchanan	5 00
Black & Locke	5 00
Brodie & Harvey	5 00
E. H. Botterell	5 00
James Bissett	5 00
R. G. Brown	5 00
George Barry	5 00
W. & F. P. Currie	5 00
J. P. Cleghorn	5 00
W. B. Court	5 00
John Currie	5 00
R. W. Cowan	5 00
Charles Cushing	5 00
Cassils, Stimson & Co	5 00
Thomas Craig	5 00
N. B. Corse	5 00
A. Cummings	5 00
M. P. Cochrane	5 00
James Corristine	5 00
Charles Childs	5 00
J. C. Cayford	5 00
W. Cassils	5 00
J. D. Dougall	5 00
Geo. Childs	5 00
W. Darling & Co	5 00
John Date	5 00
James Dakers	5 00
W. Evans	5 00
A Friend	5 00
A Friend	5 00
C. Garth & Co	5 00
E. B. Greenshields	5 00
T. Glover	5 00
I. Gould & Son	5 00
R. R. Grindley	5 00
G. F. Haultain (1877)	5 00
Hamilton & Massey	5 00
R. Henderson	5 00
Henry & Wilson	5 00
G. Hodge	5 00
R. H. Holland	5 00
Hall, Kay & Co	5 00
Jas. Hutton & Co	5 00
Robt. Irwin	5 00
D. T. Irish	5 00
G. Kingman	5 00
Geo. Kemp	5 00
Lord, Magor & Munn	5 00
Mrs. H. Lyman	5 00
W. F. Lewis & Co	5 00
Thos. Leeming	5 00
J. C. Lonsdale	5 00
Thomas May & Co	5 00
Thos. Mussen	5 00
C. R. Murray	5 00
H. Munro	5 00
Henry Morton	5 00
Mattinson, Young & Co	5 00
A. Moffatt	5 00
R. McKeown	5 00
J. W. Mackedie & Co	5 00
Pillow, Hersey & Co.	5 00
W. Henderson	5 00
Jno. Louson	5 00
T. M. Henderson	5 00
Thomas Patton	$5 00
Perry & Cassils	5 00
Prowse Bros	5 00
A. M. Perkins	5 00
C. S. J. Phillips	5 00
Robt. Reford	5 00
D. W. Ross (1877)	5 00
J. Robertson	5 00
Rattrey & Co	5 00
Thos. Robertson	5 00
Ramsay, Drake & Dods	5 00
Wm. Reid	5 00
Geo. Sumner (1877)	5 00
C. C. Snowdon & Co	5 00
H. J. Shaw	5 00
A. H. Simms	5 00
Savage, Lyman & Co.	5 00
F. B. Smith	5 00
R. G. Watson	5 00
J. C. Watson	5 00
F. Scholes	5 00
John Turnbull	5 00
John Turnbull	5 00
Robt. Mills	5 00
Walter Wilson & Co	5 00
James Whitham	5 00
A. Savage & Son	5 00
John Stirling	5 00
A. Spence	5 00
G. F. C. Smith	5 00
Judge Edgar	4 00
John J. Snowdon	4 00
W. Ewan & Son	4 00
F. Stephens	3 00
M. A. Merry	3 00
Douglass & McNiece,	3 00
— Anon	3 00
J. O. Anderson	3 00
Capt. McLean (S.S. "Canadian")	3 00
J. Whitley	3 00
R. W. Oliver	3 00
H. M. Brissette	2 50
W. H. Warren	2 00
J. H. Stearnes	2 00
F. & G. Cushing	2 00
W. H. Clare	2 00
A. Douglass	2 00
John Fulton	2 00
F. Hawkins	2 00
W. P. Mewhort	2 00
W. A. Merry	2 00
S. H. May	2 00
Dr. Kelly	2 00
Dr. Beers	2 00
Edward Neild	2 00
J. Leggatt	2 00
W. J. Graham	2 00
M. Laing	2 00
James Sutherland	2 00
R. Birks	1 00
A. Bradshaw	1 00
Andrew Baillie	1 00
G. J. Gebhardt	1 00
Chas. T. Gibbs	1 00
R. S. Oliver	1 00
W. B. Smith	1 00
Fred. Lee	1 00
Alex. Stevenson	1 00